

services still remain in those agencies that provide the direct services and that is where it is appropriate to be. One of the long term budget issues that come up year after year, at least regularly if not year after year, is efforts on the part of advocacy groups to want to get into direct services further duplicating state government operations. It is a constant effort to try and keep so you can know where the money is going and for what purpose, to try and keep services in a single agency as much as possible, in order to bring that about. Now you are always faced with what grows up over the years because...but always that is the effort to do. So I think our position was that either all advocacy groups the rationale is the same should not be a function of state government, either all or none, one way or the other, and it seemed to us because there is obviously potential for others from time to time, and it seems to me that we are not in any way affecting by the elimination of these agencies the ability of enforcement of statutes. If discrimination is an issue, Equal Opportunity is there to assist individuals under those cases. We have added staff to them this year in order that they can rapidly process if that is the sole issue, but we feel that more importantly that the kind of services should not be cut that are direct services which, incidentally, a 2 percent cut could do in some cases. It is reducing services. So I would hope that you would take a consistent position of either no advocacy groups or all because that is really the only rational choice one has and our suggestion is that this is a reasonable policy position, that state government concentrate on services as opposed to spreading out that concern for every citizen in a multitude of agencies but concentrate on services rather than advocacies.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I will not speak on many of these amendments today either but I will rise in support of Senator Chambers' motion. I recognize and I believe Senator Warner has very well identified the reasons why the committee took the action they did but I do believe that principally perhaps I am influenced by the Director of the Mexican-American Commission, Mr. Peralez, who I first knew as a very able and competent Director of our Department of Aeronautics. I believe that I can echo what Senator Nichol has said that the work of the commission has clearly been improved under his leadership. I would recognize and I